Missing-Browner Transmittel Litter

LBP

From:

BOB WING

To:

R2NYC06.R2DEPDIV(LAWLER-WILLIAM)

Date:

12/15/97 8:42am

Subject:

draft letter to Army re: lead-based paint -Reply

I like it!

>>> WILLIAM LAWLER 12/12/97 04:23pm >>>

Do you see anything wrong with sending the following draft letter to the Army re LBP at Camp Evans? Let me know what you think!

Thanks for your help!

Mr. Christopher Kencik U.S. Army CECOM ATTN: AMSEL-PE-BR (C. Kencik) Fort Monmouth, New Jersey 07703-5024

Dear Mr. Kencik:

This is a follow up to our discussion, at the last RAB meeting, concerning the need for data to determine whether lead-based paint chips in soils pose a significant contamination problem at the Evans Area.

Information contained in the various U.S. Army EBS and SI reports for the Evans Area indicates that lead-based paint is present at many of the buildings. However, a comprehensive lead-based paint survey has not yet been conducted, nor have soils in the vicinity of these buildings been sampled for the presence of contamination resulting from flaking lead-based paint. In the absence of site specific data concerning the levels of lead present, based on the known presence of lead-based paint and the age and condition of the buildings at the site, there is sufficient reason to believe that lead-based paint in soils poses a potential CERCLA release to the environment. Accordingly, we recommend that the U.S. Army sample the Evans area soils to determine whether lead levels in soils pose a risk to human health and the environment at this site.

Unless the hazards associated with lead-based paint have been evaluated, together with those posed by the various other areas of the site that the Army is currently studying, EPA does not believe that there will be an adequate basis for the Army to provide the required transfer covenant that all remedial action necessary to protect human health and the environment has been taken.

If the Army chooses to transfer this property, and if at some time in the future sampling data establishes that remedial action, including action related to lead-based paint risks, is found to be necessary after the date of the property transfer, EPA believes that such action will remain the responsibility of the Department of Defense/U.S. Army.

If you have any questions about this letter, please call me at (212) 637-3728.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Lawler, P.E. Member, BRAC Cleanup Team for the Evans Area

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